WORLD AIDS DAY

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Richard Diebenkorn's "Urbana No. 4" is draped in black at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center on Wednesday for the fifth annual Day Without Art. The World AIDS Day event, observed by thousands of galleries, museums and other cultural institutions around the world, is intended to raise awareness about AIDS and to mourn the loss of AIDS victims in the art community.

Woman carries on fight against AIDS

Springs volunteer wins national honor

By **D'Arcy Fallon**
Gazette Telegraph

Rosemary Fall never expected to become an AIDS crusader.

But in the past three years, the Colorado Springs woman has become intimately acquainted with the disease. How it ravages the body. How to fight it. And how to grieve when it triumphs — as it did when her youngest son died of AIDS three years ago.

On Wednesday — World AIDS Day — Fall was honored at the Business of Art Center in Manitou Springs for her unflagging volunteer efforts with the Southern Colorado AIDS Project.

The petite, soft-spoken woman was one of 10 people singled out for nationwide recognition by the World AIDS Day Committee.

Fall, a board member of the AIDS project, has been a facilitator for an AIDS support group for families and founded a "Moms" group for women whose children have AIDS or who have died from it. She also delivers meals and provides transportation to people with the disease.

THE NUMBERS

In El Paso County, 840 people have been diagnosed as HIV-positive or as having AIDS since the county began testing in the mid-'80s, according to the El Paso County Health Department. Since then, 138 people have died of the disease. Statewide, 2,154 people have died of AIDS since 1982.

The World Health Organization estimates that within seven years the number of people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, may rise to 40 million from the current estimate of 13 million.

"I never dreamed it (AIDS) would be a part of my life," said Fall, 66. "But then . . . I never dreamed I would lose my son."

Bill Fall, who had worked for a Denver bank, was diagnosed with

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Rosemary Fall of Colorado Springs, one of 10 people nationwide recognized by the World AIDS Day Committee, stands in front of a painting titled "Hands of HIV," which bears the handprints of local people infected with the virus.

Associated Press

A giant condom is placed over the 75-foot obelisk in the Place de la Concorde in Paris on Wednesday to mark World AIDS Day. The AIDS activist group ACT-UP and the Italian clothing maker Benetton joined forces to hoist the 24-yard-long condom over the obelisk.

Day focuses attention on international epidemic

Across the United States and in most nations of the world, World AIDS Day was observed in ways solemn and symbolic Wednesday.

In Washington, President Clinton touted his administration's record on AIDS after being faced with the rage of an activist who accused him of doing nothing. **Complete report**/A3

voted 6-1 to purchase $1.23 million worth of buses to provide more flexibility in scheduling the school day. It will cost an additional $75,000 a year in fuel, maintenance and drivers' salaries to keep the new buses on the road.

The board also made slight alterations to this year's calendar, adding two class days in May for students. And it tackled a plan to revert to a more traditional school-year calendar in 1994-95.

But the plan was sent back to administrators to see if they could end the first semester before Christmas break. The calendar will be discussed again Dec. 15; final approval is set for Jan. 26.

The bus purchase will allow the district to move from four different school-day starting and ending times to three — one each for senior highs, junior highs and elementary schools.

The lone dissenter, board newcomer Art Nutter, said the district could implement reasonable schedules without buying more buses.

"I believe we're in the education business, not the transportation business," Nutter said.

He suggested the district pick the optimal school-day starting times and "if that means some people fall off

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two days. The[illegible] to have two work days, with[illegible] students, during the spring semester rather than after school is out. Students now will attend classes on May 23 and 24.

The work days will be used to discuss concerns about the move of sixth-graders to the junior high schools and ninth-graders to the high schools.

Schools must use these dates for work days: Feb. 25, March 11, April 8 or April 22. Officials at individual schools may decide to take two full or four half-days, but the board asked that decisions be made before the winter break.

1994-95: The board discussed a longer, 174-day calendar for 1994-95. Administrators were asked to make some changes. The main objection was that the first semester did not end before Christmas break. To change that, the first day of school would have to be earlier than the proposed Aug. 29.

A revised schedule should be presented Dec. 15, but a final vote on next year's calendar was delayed until Jan. 26.

The proposal includes these new aspects:

- Two parent-teacher conference days on Oct. 27 and 28 for all schools.
- Teacher work days will be standard across the district.

Associated Press

Breakthrough in abduction

Volunteers at the Polly Klaas Search Center in Petaluma, Calif., listen Wednesday as officials announce on television they have a prime suspect in the Oct. 1 abduction of 12-year-old Polly. Richard Allen Davis, 39, a convicted kidnapper, was arrested Tuesday and jailed on parole violations. **Complete report**/A6

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CITY

Oliver North attracts a crowd at book-signing

North

Hundreds of fans turned out Wednesday at the Red Lion Hotel to get retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North's signature on his latest book. Most of those in line praised North for his courage to stand up to Congress during the Iran-Contra inquiries. **Complete report**/B1

BUSINESS

Nation's economy continues to grow

The U.S. economy grew at a 2.7 percent rate from July through September as construction, consumer spending and business investment improved.

The moderate rise in the gross domestic product cheered experts, particularly because it occurred despite extensive crop damage. **Complete report**/B5

HEALTH

Sudden bursts of energy raise risk of heart attacks

A sudden burst of strenuous exercise can be hazardous to your heart, a major study suggests.

Out-of-shape people may face 100 times their usual risk of a heart attack if they suddenly rouse themselves to split wood, lug furniture or otherwise work up an unaccustomed sweat.

Complete report/A5

ing slain settler

eps at the funeral Wednesday in r Shalva Osana, a teacher in the ed West Bank who was killed by r that day. Another Jewish settler nd two were wounded when the tacked. WORLD/**A8**

GNS WITH ROCKIES: Outfielder Ellis nt to the playoffs last season with hite Sox, signed a $9 million, three- ith the Colorado Rockies, it was dnesday./**C1**

KATES INTO FIRST PLACE: Michael Weiss concentrates on figure skating but turns to hockey for relaxation. Wednesday at the World Junior Figure Skating Championships at the Broadmoor World Arena, Weiss resorted to his hockey attitude and bolted into first place after the men's technical program./**C8**

this week, Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter says./**B4**

BUSINESS

▶ **URGENCY INFUSES TRADE TALKS:** U.S. and European trade negotiators began a push Wednesday in Brussels, Belgium, to beat a Dec. 15 deadline for shaping a worldwide trade accord. A fight over French farm subsidies has stalled the attempt to overhaul the world trading system for three years./**B5**

LIFESTYLE

▶ **ART IMITATES LIFE:** The boy who plays Tiny Tim in Theatreworks' production of "A Christmas Carol" once had a strife-filled life much like the Dickens character./**E1**

you touch up your makeup." It was included in "Cooking in Litchfield Hills," sold to benefit the environmentalist Pratt Center. "I don't think it's funny," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It's totally insensitive because it raises all the ugly anti-Semitic stereotypes." Goldberg publicist Brad Cafarelli said the actress's critics are, perhaps, "not aware that Whoopi is Jewish, so she is certainly not anti-Semitic."

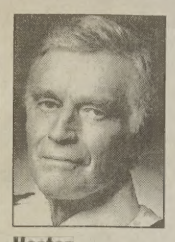
Cradle robber

Madonna has a new boyfriend. He's a boy — all of 15 years old; from Brooklyn; and his mother is not amused, The New York Post reports. The paper and British tabloids say the unidentified teen is from a strict family and works as a model. He's said to be on the candidate list for Calvin Klein ads. The papers also say he spent two days at Ms. M's apartment.

Best image

Charleton Heston is being honored as master image maker for a world of images. The actor is getting the Hollywood Women's Press Club award for the individual who presents the best image of the entertainment industry to the world. Heston, whose film credits include "The Ten Commandments" and "Ben Hur," will receive the award on Dec. 11, club

Goldberg
Fried chicken recipe upsets Jews.



Heston
Group says he presents good image.

Plenty to love

Anne Anderson, 35, of Plainville, Mass., smiles Tuesday at Boston's New England Medical Center with her newborn quadruplets, three boys and a girl, born Monday night. The infants, from left, Jake, Alex, Kate and Tyler, are doing well despite being born prematurely.

spokeswoman June Beland said Tuesday.

Censorship on TV

Michael Moriarty, the prosecutor on TV's "Law and Order," will hold a news conference today in New York, where he'll put down efforts to censor TV and argue that legalizing drugs would do more to curb violence. The actor wrote **President Clinton** calling for the firing of **Attorney General Janet Reno** after he and NBC execs met with her Nov. 18. Moriarty called her "a mindless attack dog in the spirit of Joe McCarthy" and has challenged her to a debate on TV violence.

Royal update

Prince Charles has been artfully courting the press, arranging photo opportunities with his sons while fishing, all in an effort to shake off his reputation as a cold-fish father. And to appear hip, he has even volunteered to the press that he boogies — well, the royal version is tapping toes — to **Tina Turner**, People magazine says.

Gazette Telegraph news services

away house

Gregory and Angela Chambers of Berlin Township, N.J., are giving away their two-bedroom house. Free. Zip. Zilch.

But if you want it, you'll have to move it — for perhaps $20,000. And you'll need a vacant lot to take it to.

The Chambers are planning to build a three-bedroom house on their lot. To do so, their 70-year-old, two-story home has to go.

"We were going to tear it down," Angela Chambers said Friday. "Then this approach was suggested, so we decided to try it."

She said the simplicity of the ad ("FREE HOUSE. You move it. 768-8196") has generated nearly two dozen calls since it appeared last week in a local weekly shopping guide.

The Chambers have lived in the house three years. It's in good shape, but the foundation won't support an addition and the house is just too small, she said.

The Chambers have a 1-year-old daughter and another baby on the way.

Lotto

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S DRAWING:

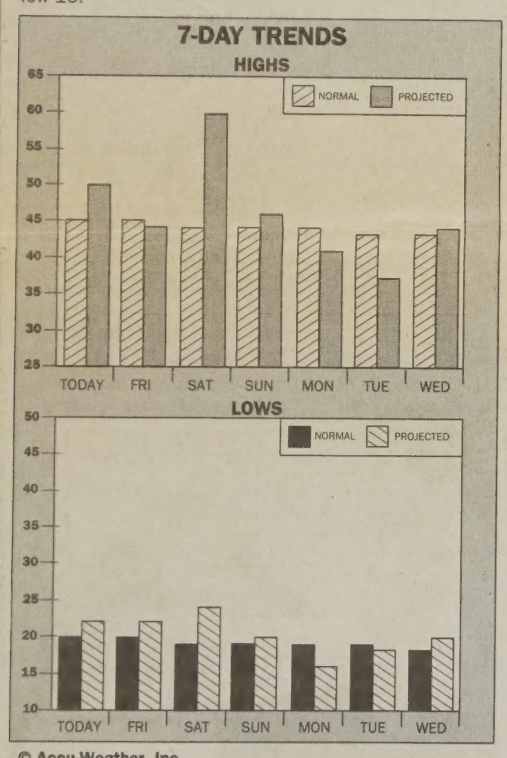
9	17	24
30	35	42

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Clouds and sunshine, windy and mild. High 50.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a brisk wind. Low 22.
Friday: Sunny to partly cloudy; windy at times. High 44, low 22.
Saturday: Partly to mostly sunny, windy, noticeably milder. High 60, low 24.
Sunday: Mixed clouds and sun, windy and much cooler. High 46, low 20.
Monday: Clouds and some sunshine; chilly. High 41, low 16.

7-DAY TRENDS



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TODAY'S RECORDS

HIGH ..... 69° (1877) **LOW** .....-7° (1929)

Road conditions: Call State Patrol 635-7623

STATISTICS

AIR QUALITY

(3 p.m. WED. DEC. 1)

GOOD	ACCEPTABLE	POOR
0 25 50	75 100	150 200

OZONE - 20
CARBON MONOXIDE - 28

24-HOUR

Time	Temp.	Wind		Humid.
Tuesday				
6 p.m.	33	NE	6	78
7 p.m.	42	NW	5	41
8 p.m.	35	NE	9	58
9 p.m.	35	NW	7	56
10 p.m.	34	W	5	56
11 p.m.	35	NW	6	49
Wednesday				
Midn.	32	NE	9	61
1 a.m.	35	N	8	51
2 a.m.	32	NW	5	61
3 a.m.	33	NW	8	53
4 a.m.	34	NW	7	49
5 a.m.	35		0	49
6 a.m.	35		0	47
7 a.m.	32	NE	8	58
8 a.m.	32	NE	8	58
9 a.m.	43	N	6	38
10 a.m.	44	N	3	35
11 a.m.	44	S	13	41
Noon	43	SE	13	44
1 p.m.	43	SE	14	46
2 p.m.	44	SE	16	45
3 p.m.	43	SE	14	50
4 p.m.	40	SE	9	57
5 p.m.	34	SE	9	75

PRECIPITATION

24 hours to 5 p.m. yesterday ..... 0.00"
Total for month to date ..... 0.00"
Normal for month to date ..... 0.01"
Total this year to date ..... 13.03"
Normal for year to date ..... 15.81"
Snow today ..... 0.0"
Snow season to date ..... 12.7"

HIGH/LOW (as of 5 p.m.)

High Yesterday ..... 45°
Low Yesterday ..... 28°

SUN

Sunrise today 6:59
Sunset today 4:37
Sunrise tomorrow 7:00

COLORADO FORECAST

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS: Clouds and some sunshine today. Highs 30-42. A few clouds tonight with a brisk wind. Lows minus 1 to 11.
FRONT RANGE: Varying amounts of sunshine and clouds today; windy at times. Highs 48-52. Partly cloudy and brisk tonight. Lows 16-22.
WESTERN SLOPE: Some sunlight today with highs of 38-44. Patchy clouds tonight with lows of 6-18.
EASTERN PLAINS: Mixed clouds and sunshine today with highs of 48-52. Partly cloudy and brisk tonight. Lows 15-20.

City	Yest.	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Akron	45 30 pc	50 19 pc	37 22 s	59 23 pc
Alamosa	44 11 s	39 4 pc	31 10 s	44 7 s
Aspen	39 32 pc	33 4 pc	28 10 s	39 5 pc
Denver	50 27 pc	50 20 pc	45 24 s	62 24 pc
Durango	45 19 s	43 9 pc	34 16 s	48 13 s
Eagle	40 19 pc	36 1 pc	34 9 s	41 2 pc
Fort Collins	46 28 pc	49 16 pc	37 23 s	58 21 pc
Grand Junction	48 30 pc	42 17 pc	39 23 s	48 18 pc
Gunnison	39 20 s	33 -3 pc	30 3 s	39 -4 pc
La Junta	50 26 s	52 20 pc	44 21 s	63 23 pc
Leadville	25 9 s	39 7 pc	25 6 s	45 8 pc
Limon	44 26 s	48 15 pc	37 20 s	58 18 pc
Pueblo	50 28 s	52 18 pc	43 18 s	61 21 pc
Rifle	33 11 pc	40 6 pc	38 14 s	45 7 pc
Trinidad	52 22 s	50 19 pc	42 19 s	60 21 pc

WEATHER

TODAY'S ACCU-WEATHER® FORECAST
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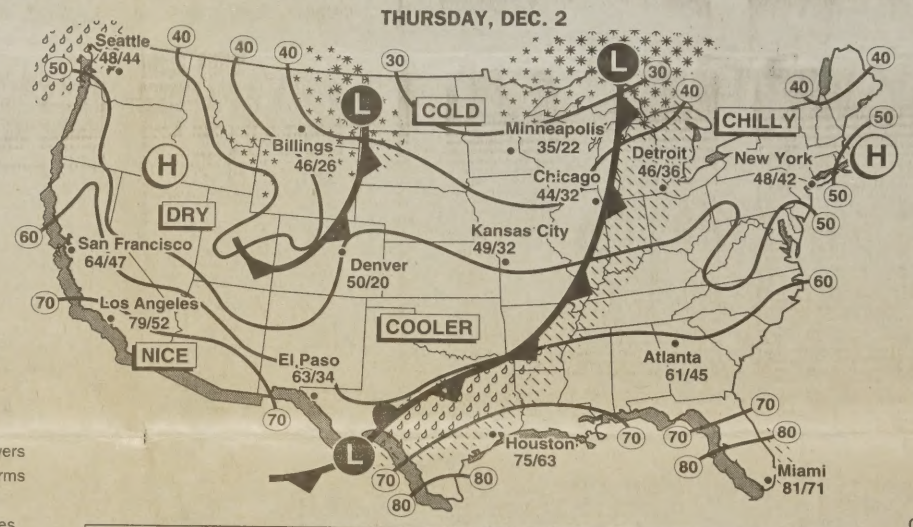

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NATION

City	Yest.	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany, NY	39 19 s	44 35 s	49 28 c	40 27 c
Albq., NM	56 28 s	52 26 s	45 24 s	52 25 s
Amarillo, TX	61 34 s	55 31 s	49 28 s	60 27 s
Anchorage, AK	29 18 sf	32 22 c	30 16 c	28 14 c
Asheville, NC	48 26 s	52 38 pc	54 43 c	55 37 sh
Atlanta, GA	54 39 s	61 45 pc	59 50 c	60 44 sh
Atl. City, NJ	46 24 pc	50 37 pc	56 38 pc	50 40 sh
Austin, TX	77 56 c	68 56 sh	65 49 sh	64 43 pc
Baltimore, MD	46 26 s	50 39 pc	58 38 pc	49 37 sh
Bangor, ME	34 15 s	43 31 s	43 25 sh	36 23 pc
Billings, MT	41 28 pc	46 26 sf	44 38 s	49 19 c
Birmingham, AL	66 43 s	62 48 c	64 50 c	61 37 sh
Bismarck, ND	36 21 pc	34 18 c	32 24 c	52 23 pc
Boise, ID	40 32 sh	43 24 pc	43 30 pc	39 13 pc
Boston, MA	38 26 s	50 39 s	52 38 sh	45 36 pc
Brownsville, TX	83 65 pc	82 63 pc	75 61 c	74 55 sh
Buffalo, NY	43 22 s	49 39 sh	47 31 c	41 31 sh
Burlington, VT	39 16 s	44 35 pc	47 22 sh	34 24 pc
Casper, WY	42 26 pc	40 17 pc	35 30 s	47 15 pc
Cedar City, UT	44 19 s	49 17 s	45 21 s	52 14 s
Charleston, SC	59 39 s	64 48 pc	67 53 pc	66 48 sh
Charleston, WV	58 32 s	55 41 pc	55 42 sh	50 37 sh
Charlotte, NC	51 32 s	55 44 pc	59 46 pc	57 42 sh
Cheyenne, WY	40 24 pc	43 21 pc	37 31 s	53 24 pc
Chicago, IL	47 26 s	44 32 r	42 30 c	39 31 pc
Cincinnati, OH	54 29 pc	50 38 sh	50 39 sh	48 33 c
Cleveland, OH	49 26 s	48 39 sh	49 35 c	43 34 sh
Columbus, OH	51 29 s	49 39 sh	50 38 sh	46 33 sh
Concord, NH	36 12 s	44 27 pc	47 24 c	39 25 pc
Dallas, TX	68 57 c	63 51 r	61 38 r	59 36 s
Davenport, IA	44 24 pc	44 27 pc	42 27 c	42 30 pc
Des Moines, IA	46 28 c	44 27 s	40 23 c	42 26 pc
Detroit, MI	44 26 s	46 36 r	46 32 c	42 32 c
Duluth, MN	31 18 c	28 18 sf	29 23 c	32 26 c
El Paso, TX	69 44 s	63 34 s	57 28 s	62 32 s
Fairbanks, AK	8 -8 pc	6 -5 sf	-2 -10 c	-8 -19 c
Fargo, ND	34 27 c	29 16 c	28 23 c	44 20 c
Flagstaff, AZ	44 21 s	46 17 s	47 17 s	53 13 s
Grand Is., NE	52 31 s	48 25 pc	39 21 pc	54 25 pc
Great Falls, MT	46 27 pc	43 27 sf	44 36 pc	45 12 c
Hartford, CT	39 21 s	49 34 s	51 32 c	43 32 pc
Hilo, HI	81 67 sh	78 67 c	80 67 pc	80 67 pc
Honolulu, HI	85 73 pc	79 72 pc	81 70 pc	81 70 pc
Houston, TX	72 51 c	75 63 sh	70 51 t	66 44 pc
Indianapolis, IN	51 28 s	47 37 sh	47 34 sh	45 33 pc

LEGEND: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

City	Yest.	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Jackson, MS	69 32 s	66 54 sh	67 50 sh	62 36 pc
Jacksonville, FL	61 53 c	69 50 s	73 56 pc	71 53 pc
Kansas City, MO	55 33 c	49 32 s	45 30 c	45 34 pc
Las Vegas, NV	61 47 s	64 39 s	64 36 s	64 34 s
Little Rock, AR	64 34 c	59 51 r	59 44 r	57 36 pc
Los Angeles, CA	74 56 s	79 52 s	81 50 s	68 50 s
Louisville, KY	58 29 s	53 43 sh	52 42 sh	50 34 c
Marquette, MI	37 26 s	34 22 sn	31 23 c	33 29 c
Memphis, TN	68 41 s	58 51 sh	60 44 r	55 36 pc
Miami, FL	81 71 pc	81 71 s	84 71 pc	85 69 pc
Milwaukee, WI	44 28 s	44 30 r	41 30 c	37 30 pc
Minneapolis, MN	35 25 sh	35 22 c	34 22 c	39 23 pc
Mobile, AL	71 41 s	67 52 c	69 55 pc	67 43 sh
Nashville, TN	63 30 s	54 47 sh	59 44 sh	54 37 pc
New Orleans, LA	72 40 s	72 57 c	72 57 c	70 48 pc
New York, NY	42 32 s	48 42 pc	56 46 c	47 38 c
Norfolk, VA	53 42 pc	53 43 pc	59 45 pc	57 45 sh
North Platte, NE	49 17 pc	47 22 pc	39 21 pc	49 21 pc
Oklahoma City	63 49 c	54 38 c	52 34 c	53 36 s
Omaha, NE	50 35 c	47 26 s	40 24 c	49 29 pc
Orlando, FL	77 57 pc	78 62 pc	78 62 pc	82 59 pc
Philadelphia, PA	50 30 pc	50 42 pc	56 39 pc	49 40 sh
Phoenix, AZ	71 46 s	74 47 s	74 47 s	74 47 s
Pittsburgh, PA	50 26 s	52 39 c	51 36 c	46 34 sh
Portland, OR	61 46 r	50 40 c	52 39 sh	43 32 sh
Providence, RI	43 25 s	50 37 s	54 34 c	47 34 pc
Rapid City, SD	49 32 s	46 22 pc	40 22 c	54 23 pc
Reno, NV	47 23 s	50 23 s	55 25 s	53 14 s
Richmond, VA	50 29 pc	52 40 pc	59 41 pc	54 41 sh
Roswell, NM	67 31 s	57 31 s	57 27 pc	60 30 s
St. Louis, MO	53 32 pc	53 38 sh	49 36 sh	47 37 pc
Sacramento, CA	60 35 s	63 40 pc	60 40 pc	55 33 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	43 23 c	43 23 pc	41 30 s	46 21 pc
San Antonio, TX	77 59 c	73 57 sh	66 47 sh	66 42 pc
San Diego, CA	73 49 s	72 49 s	76 50 s	72 49 s
San Francisco, CA	64 42 s	64 47 pc	62 45 s	58 41 s
San Jose, CA	63 43 s	69 44 pc	66 45 s	65 39 s
Santa Fe, NM	51 26 s	47 17 s	39 17 s	48 19 s
Seattle, WA	52 43 r	48 44 sh	52 39 sh	40 32 sh
Shreveport, LA	74 49 pc	63 56 r	63 46 r	61 37 pc
Sioux Falls, SD	38 32 pc	39 19 c	34 24 c	49 25 pc
Spokane, WA	40 30 r	39 28 pc	40 28 c	31 15 sf
Tampa, FL	80 56 pc	81 58 s	82 64 s	77 59 pc
Topeka, KS	54 37 c	50 30 s	45 25 c	48 33 pc
Tucson, AZ	67 37 s	70 40 s	68 44 s	73 43 s
Tulsa, OK	66 43 pc	54 37 sh	52 35 sh	52 37 s
Washington, DC	47 30 s	52 43 pc	57 42 pc	50 42 sh
Wichita, KS	58 45 c	52 28 s	49 28 c	46 31 s
Wilmington, DE	46 25 s	50 38 pc	55 38 pc	49 40 sh

CANADA

City	Yest.	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Calgary, Alb.	44 23 pc	44 22 c	50 25 pc	41 14 c
Edmonton, Alb.	29 9 pc	35 18 c	40 19 pc	32 10 c
Montreal, Que.	33 16 s	43 37 pc	41 20 c	32 25 sh
Ottawa, Ont.	33 14 s	43 21 pc	43 20 c	35 25 c
Toronto, Ont.	38 21 pc	43 39 r	43 28 c	39 25 sh
Vancouver, B.C.	47 41 r	47 41 c	50 42 c	47 37 sh
Winnipeg, Man.	33 27 c	27 13 c	28 15 pc	30 14 c

WORLD

City	Today		City	Today	
Acapulco	90 77 s		Madrid	54 43 c	
Amsterdam	47 38 c		Manila	88 77 t	
Athens	60 53 c		Mexico City	73 46 pc	
Beijing	37 10 pc		Moscow	21 12 s	
Beirut	68 58 pc		Nassau	84 68 s	
Berlin	39 30 c		Oslo	33 24 sn	
Brussels	49 39 c		Paris	48 36 c	
Buenos Aires	86 68 s		Rio de Janeiro	84 73 pc	
Cairo	74 55 s		Riyadh	81 49 s	
Copenhagen	41 31 sh		Rome	48 40 r	
Dublin	52 41 sh		San Juan	84 70 pc	
Geneva	41 37 c		Seoul	44 27 sh	
Hong Kong	71 65 c		Stockholm	32 27 sn	
Jerusalem	62 51 s		Sydney	81 68 pc	
Kuwait	80 55 s		Tokyo	68 49 s	
London	51 40 sh		Warsaw	31 23 c	

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WORLD AIDS DAY

Activists seek stronger action against AIDS

Clinton notes funding hike as a sign of commitment

News services

WASHINGTON — Heckled by an AIDS activist for "lots of talk, no action," President Clinton on Wednesday defended his administration's commitment to fighting AIDS and pledged to continue battling an epidemic that has brought out "the best and the worst in America."

The heckler shouted: "The Republicans were right. We should have never trusted you. You are doing nothing. You are sitting on your hands. It's time to put up or shut up."

The dramatic interruption of Clinton's World AIDS Day speech at Georgetown University Medical Center captured the frustration some AIDS activists feel about the president's record on an epidemic that has killed more than 200,000 Americans.

With increased AIDS funding, an AIDS czar and a health reform plan promising coverage for uninsured AIDS patients, Clinton is light years ahead of former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, many AIDS activists say.

But at a time when AIDS seems to be fading from public consciousness as a priority issue, the activists say they want even more leadership and passion from a president whose campaign last year raised their hopes and expectations.

"We felt the intensity is missing that he spoke of as a candidate, that he was going to wage a war against AIDS," said Marj Plumb, health policy director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "If this is a war, where are the bullets?"

On Wednesday, an unruffled Clinton permitted the protester to scream for a minute or two before campus police led him out of the auditorium. Clinton calmed others in the Georgetown audience that included doctors, students and AIDS patients, who booed the demonstrator.

"It's all right," Clinton said. "Part of my job is to be a lightning rod. The fact that he's in here expressing his frustration to me means at least that they expect me to do something, which is a step forward. I'd rather that man be in here screaming at me than having given up altogether."

Clinton noted increases in AIDS-research funding and funding for prevention programs. Clinton also said he has directed every federal office to provide employees with information on AIDS prevention and has challenged private business to do the same.

"But there must be other things we can do," said Clinton, noting more needs to be done about prevention education.

Before his Georgetown speech, Clinton visited with AIDS patients at the university hospital.

Associated Press

A campus police officer at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., leads a heckler away from President Clinton on Wednesday. The member of ACT-UP accused Clinton of "lots of talk, no action."

ACROSS THE NATION

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Harriet Brown of Philadelphia cries during Day Without Art ceremonies held Wednesday in Philadelphia. About 250 people joined in the World AIDS Day event for those who have died of the disease. Brown lost her son, Todd Juan Brown, to AIDS.

Communities across the nation took part in World AIDS Day observances. New 29-cent stamps featuring the red AIDS awareness ribbon went on sale at post offices and lights were dimmed or turned off Wednesday night in the White House and other buildings in major cities. Some other ways the nation marked the day:

■ **In San Francisco**, school board President Tom Ammiano read a letter to schoolchildren warning them to guard against AIDS. "You have a right to say 'No,' " said the letter from 25-year-old Sean Sasser, who discovered at 18 he was HIV-positive. "You have a right to say, 'Not without a condom!' You are the only one who is going to protect you from HIV and AIDS."

■ **In New York City**, five tennis clubs held tournaments to raise money for the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS. Similar fund-raising tournaments were held in Bangladesh, England, France, Slovenia, Haiti and South America in memory of the tennis star who died of AIDS.

■ **In Nashville, Tenn.**, country music stars headlined a benefit concert at The Grand Ole Opry House with Billy Ray Cyrus and K.T. Oslin as hosts.

■ **In Boston**, Mayor Thomas Menino recommended that bars install condom vending machines. He also formed a committee to recommend strategies to prevent the spread of AIDS.

■ **At the United Nations**, Liza Minnelli and a choir sang "The Day After That," a song she recorded to raise funds for the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

AIDS/ Painting unveiled

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AIDS in 1987 but didn't tell his family until he was too ill to keep it a secret. He was 39 when he died.

"He was our gay son," Rosemary Fall said. "I was proud of him."

During the ceremony, Alfonso Montoya, customer relations coordinator for the U.S. Postal Service, unveiled a special commemorative stamp with the words "Time to Act!" written across the top and a picture of a bright red ribbon — a universal sign of support, awareness and and compassion for people with AIDS.

"The AIDS stamp will help raise public awareness . . ." said Montoya. "Not only will they carry letters to their destination, they will also carry a message of their own to everyone who sees them along the way."

There was another kind of message portrayed in a work in progress, "Hands of HIV," which also was unveiled at the ceremony.

The 5-by-7-feet canvas was covered with the handprints of local people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. As Greg Varner and Richard Blair of the AIDS project removed a white sheet covering the piece, several people blinked back tears.

One handprint — a small pink smudge — belonged to a baby girl; others belonged to fathers, mothers, sons and daughters.

One thin man, leaning on a cane, squinted as he talked about "Hands of HIV," his involvement with the AIDS project and what it meant to have people such as Rosemary Fall giving him support.

"She's an angel," said Shel Anderson, 49, who has AIDS. "I'm sure God sent her." Tears rolled down his cheek, and this time he let them come. "The hugs. The support. She's a mother. She does what mothers do best."

Anderson was diagnosed with AIDS 2½ years ago. Looking at the canvas covered with handprints, he pointed out his own — and mentioned that two people had died since the art project began several months ago.

Musing about when researchers will find a cure for AIDS, Anderson could only shake his head and smile wanely.

Pointing to the art piece, Anderson said, "Hey, it might not be in my lifetime, but there's the handprint of a 17-month-old baby up there."

WORLDWIDE

Most of the world's nations marked World AIDS Day on Wednesday. Here are some of the ways the day was observed:

■ **In London**, Princess Diana joined 11,000 people at an AIDS fund-raising rock concert. "Until a cure has been found for this terrible disease, it is our duty to make life more bearable for the people affected by AIDS," pop star David Bowie said at the concert.

■ **In France**, rallies and concerts were scheduled across the nation. The southwest town of Condom distributed free condoms as part of an exhibit that included prophylactics from around the world.

■ **In Sofia, the Bulgarian capital**, the government distributed 2,000 condoms downtown. Others were handed out at hospitals, train stations and the airport.

■ **In Japan**, which has tended to label AIDS a foreign problem, celebrities handed out information to commuters in train stations.

■ **In Berlin**, Christmas shoppers got free condoms.

■ **In India**, a newspaper broke taboos and published a graphic illustration on safe sex.

Disbelief, ignorance in Africa compound AIDS' deadly threat

Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — On World AIDS Day in one small West African nation, AIDS is now the single biggest killer of adults. In the Ivory Coast, the prevention message just isn't getting through.

Take Salimata Guindo. A year ago, she learned that she, her boyfriend and their 4-month-old son were infected with the AIDS virus. Even after months of counseling, she says she still doesn't understand how the disease spreads.

Or Marguerite Attoumou, who says she uses condoms only occasionally although she and her boyfriend carry the virus and she knows he has sex with other women.

That general disbelief on a continent where more than half the world's AIDS carriers live, where AIDS has wiped out entire villages and where up to 90 percent of prostitutes in some cities are infected, was underlined last week in another African nation, Cameroon.

Legislators who assembled there for a special AIDS education session flatly said they did not believe a woman who told them that she, her husband and their three children were infected with the virus. Repeating an argument that has blinded many African leaders to the magnitude of the AIDS problem, the lawmakers insisted that diarrhea and easily preventable diseases like measles kill more children on the continent each year than AIDS.

In Zaire, a frightening figure was announced Wednesday by the Program for the Fight Against AIDS. The program predicted that AIDS would kill 2 million Zairians in 2004. The central African nation has a population of 38 million.

The African Development Bank, with headquarters in Abidjan, estimates that more than 7.5 million Africans are infected with the AIDS virus and that 1.2 million Africans have already died of AIDS. In seven years, the bank estimated, 14 million sub-Saharan Africans will be infected.

In Abidjan, Guindo and Attoumou go regularly to the Medical and Social Assistance Center, an AIDS counseling clinic funded by the Church of Christ of the United States. Infected people are shown videotapes, graphic charts and pamphlets; they discuss their predicament in groups with counselors and translators.

But clinic doctors who overheard the women's interviews with a reporter expressed disappointment at how little they had learned after almost a year.

The U.N. World Health Organization acknowledges that lethargy about AIDS has stricken many countries. Its slogan for World AIDS Day on Wednesday was "Time to Act," an appeal that, in Africa at least, seems to be going unheard.

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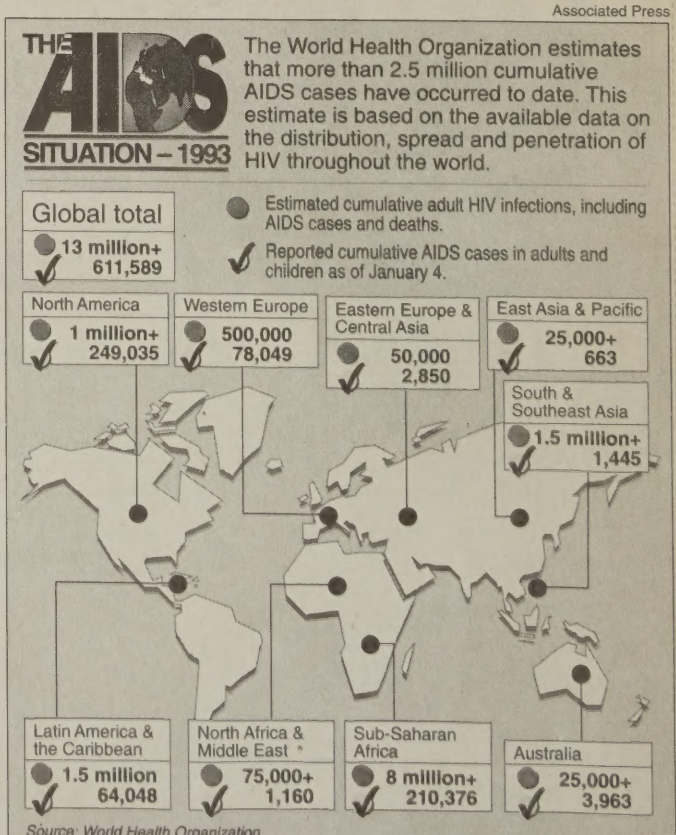

MILITARY

'Don't ask, tell or pursue' policy signed into law

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has quietly signed into law a bill that establishes the military's policy toward gays. The action was announced by the White House late Tuesday.

The Defense Authorization Act gives Defense Secretary Les Aspin 90 days to issue regulations for overhauling recruiting procedures, discharge procedures and investigative practices affecting gays.

Pentagon officials said it could take that much time to complete the regulations required to implement the compromise "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy that Congress forced Clinton to accept.

Congress and the Joint Chiefs of Staff rebelled against Clinton's campaign promise to allow gays to serve openly in the armed forces.

The law's four-page section on gays only slightly eases the ban on their serving in the armed forces, which dates back to World War II. It allows gay military personnel to continue serving as long as they keep their sexual orientation secret and do not engage in homosexual activity.

The bill signed by Clinton declares that homosexuals have "no constitutional right to serve in the armed services," that the ban on homosexual conduct "continues to be necessary," and that "persons who demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" pose "an unacceptable risk" to battlefield effectiveness.

Military personnel who confide to friends that they are gay must prove to discharge boards that they have not engaged in homosexual acts and have no intention of engaging in homosexual acts in order to stay in uniform.

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